

Declaration for U.S. Patent Application

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

(Insert Title) BENT WORK AND BENDING METHOD AND BENDING DEVICE USED THEREFOR

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked

☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications. See note A on back of this page)	<u>2000-259811</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>29/August/2000</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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(See note B on back of this page)

☐ See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(List Prior U.S. Applications)

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(See note C
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APPLICANT OR PATENTEE _____ ATTORNEY'S
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(Check one of blocks 1 or 2.)

1. ☐ FILED OR ISSUED
2. ☐ SUBMITTED HEREWITH
FOR BENT WORK AND BENDING METHOD AND BENDING DEVICE USED THEREFOR
(Insert Title)

I(we) hereby declare that I(we) am(are) entitled to the benefit of small entity status with respect to the above-identified application or patent for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) & (b) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

- ☐ A. INDEPENDENT INVENTOR
I(we) qualify as (an) independent inventor(s) as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c).
- ☐ B. INDIVIDUAL NON-INVENTOR
I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) if I had made the invention.

☒ C. SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN
I am ☐ THE OWNER ☐ AN OFFICIAL of the small business concern identified below and am empowered to act on behalf of the concern. The concern qualifies under 37 CFR 1.9(d) and 13 CFR 121.3-18. Rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the concern and are exclusive unless a checkmark is placed here ☐. All other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 CFR 1.9.

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I(we) acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I(we) declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

A. INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S) B. INDIVIDUAL NON-INVENTOR(S)

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_____ Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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